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THE ORIGINAL MEMBERS OF THE INSTITUTE.

BY CAPT. J. L. MORRIS.

Mr. President and Gentlemen of the Institute:

As I look over this large body of educated, practical mining and civil engineers, I can not but think that this subject of the original members will interest all. In the days when all were young and success for this organization was a complete uncertainty. The gentlemen who bravely put their shoulders to the wheel, scarcely dreamed that the time would come when they could look with pride on the Ohio Institute of Mining Engineers and say within themselves "It is well." After years of toil and labor for the cause, that beautiful little bird for which we have all searched through life has perched upon this society and we are in a measure, satisfied.

Among the gentlemen who constituted largely to the success of the organization is Hon. Andrew Roy. You all know him. You know of the energy which has characterized his every move in the mining world; you know the hard earnest work he has done for the Institute and the manner in which it has been received by the members. We can safely venture the remark that Mr. Roy feels a just pride in what he has done. Never permitting his head to expand so much as to tighten the hat brim which covers the locks grown gray in mining work. We are all satisfied with Mr. Roy; we all appreciate his services in the first days of the Institute and in this time when it has grown to such proportion as to command the respect of all who have dealings with it. May the gentleman's usefulness increase with his age.

The next fall within our range of vision is the Massillon statesman, with his silver locks and venerable bearing. He has known the workings of mines almost from his earliest youth, and the lessons he learned in those days has been a part of the key to after success. Mr. Howells has performed his full quota for the organization, lending aid at all times when his quick perception told him that something must be done. As a mining engineer and coal operator, the gentleman in question has gained the respect of all parties, classes and creeds. His constituents of Stark County look upon him as a worthy representative, while

those who delve in the big money making holes in the ground all bear toward him good will and with the members of this body, wish him continued success.

Of course you all know Hon. R. M. Haseltine, he has done well. In the Institute his voice has ever been raised for reforms, and improvements that have raised the mines of Ohio to a position in the front ranks of the world. His counsels have been heard by those within the sound of his voice, and it is needless to say that the condition of the Ohio mines owe much of their efficiency to his work. As Secretary, we all know him to work diligently for the cause, bringing the members together and keeping faithful account of each day's proceedings. All these tend to popularize Haseltine, and if the time ever comes when he must leave the Institute, he will be missed.

Profs. Orton, Lord and Speer comprise a trio whose words for this organization is beyond comparison. Thoughtful, educated and practical they have learned to concentrate their forces knowing where the best returns can be obtained. There could be but one result, and the old members of this organization know full well their value at present. In their work of "Teaching the Young Idea" at the University, the most complete satisfaction has marked every effort. As testimony, we have but to look upon the intelligent faces of those who have passed through the mill and are now fighting the battle of life with transit level and a carefully trained brain, the results of teachings by these gentlemen. There can be no better proof of the esteem in which these gentlemen are held in the Institute than the hearty greetings which invariably fall to their lot.

Now Mr. W. H. Jennings, Chief Engineer of the Toledo and Hocking Valley Railway, is a good fellow and a competent director of ways and means. He is known to all of us, and not one can gainsay the fact that he is at once a gentleman and an engineer, a combination not unknown to us of the cloth. The magnitude of the work over which Mr. Jennings presides is such as to demand a glance at his capabilities. But he has a good job and we know that he can hold it. Mr. Jennings has ever been the true friend to the Institute, doing all within his power to keep the spark of interest burning, which has since become as intense as a good sized electric arc light.

Hon. T. B. Bancroft was ever one of the boys, but did not allow pleasure to encroach on duty when the Institute was in question; his energies were all centered upon it and the effects can be seen on every hand. Although his scene of action has been removed from our immediate circle, he is making a success in the new home and we are proud of him.

Henry Price of Jackson, the Vice President, has been long in the harness and effectively also. As engineer and officer, his record is clear as the water of his native streams. The small veins of Jackson County are as familiar to him as the street of his town. He knows them and knows well how to keep well in hand the work which comes under his direction.

Hester of Cambridge, he who would have the Institute become a nothing, has lightened up somewhat and now manifests an interest in proportion to the shine upon his boots. That stroke of policy was a bad one, but Hester has since gained knowledge and now stands for the Institute. May he continue to do so.

John Hanlon, Chief Engineer of the Walhonding Valley Railway, is another earnest worker for the Institute. As an Engineer Mr. Hanlon ranks with the best, and can open a mine or build a railroad with equal efficiency. He has ever been enthusiastic in the work of the Institute, and when his work prevents his presence, John Hanlon is downcast and sad.

During the life of the Institute, good-fellowship and laughter has marked each session. When not hard at work the joke has gone round and all were filled with joy and gladness. But ever and anon jests have been cast aside and sorrow taken the place of gladness, caused by the mention of Fred. Howells of Zanesville, who bravely laboring through life and sank by the wayside and his soul was ushered into the mysterious beyond, but his memory still lives and his untimely death will cause a pang of sorrow wherever the name of the Institute is brought into conversation.

There are but a few of those who have made the Institute. May their successes be as earnest and energetic and we have no thought for their future.

THE CHAIR: That paper is worthy of discussion, and I am very sorry I coaxed the Captain to bring it out to-night. I began to blush. I don't know whether Mr. Roy did, but I don't think the Secretary did anything to make him blush. It is getting late. If there is anything to be said on the very excellent paper read by Capt. Morris, it is open now for discussion.

MR. HARRY: I move you that the Institute return a vote of thanks to Capt. Morris for his paper.

A MEMBER: I amend that by saying a double vote of thanks.

The motion being seconded prevailed.

RESOLUTION BY MR. ROY: Mr. President, we miss our honored friend Dr. Orton to-night, and I think it would be fitting that we should express our sympathy for him in his sad affliction. With that view I have drawn up a brief resolution on the subject for the consideration of the society.

"*Whereas*, our honored and honorary member, Dr. Edward Orton, has been prevented by serious illness from being with us to-night, therefore be it resolved that the Institute tender to Dr. Orton its sincere sympathy in this his bereavement, and trust that he will soon be restored to health and be with us in future meetings as he has in the past to shed his wisdom and influence over the Institute."

MR. HARRY: I second the resolution.

THE CHAIR: I would say that I don't believe that we could do anything less. I didn't know that Prof. Orton was sick. I am very sorry for it indeed. We certainly miss him in every meeting we have that he is not here. Are you ready for the question?

The question being on the resolution of Mr. Roy was unanimously adopted.

PROF. LORD: Mr. Chairman, perhaps it would be of interest to say that I left Dr. Orton this afternoon at his house, and I can give you the latest in regard to his condition. The Doctor is slowly but steadily recovering, and is now able to walk about his room and even to go up and down stairs, and feels quite encouraged that in time he will recover his strength. I was glad to find this afternoon that his spirits were much better than when I saw him a month ago, when he was quite hopeless in regard to the outlook for his health. The testimony of the physician and all his family is that a few months will restore the Doctor to his strength and vigor, a matter that all his friends take great pleasure in learning.

THE CHAIR: Gentlemen, what is your wish now?

SECRETARY HASELTINE: I move you we adjourn until tomorrow morning.

The motion being seconded then prevailed.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 22, 9 O'CLOCK A. M.

The Convention was called to order by the Chair, who said:

Gentlemen, we will commence the proceedings this morning by having a paper read by Mr. Wileman of Massillon, on "The Use of the Prismatic Compass in Mine Surveying." It is something new and will be very instructive I presume.